



Second Meeting European Regional Process for the fifth World Water Forum.

Zaragoza, 8 – 9 July

Dear Colleague,

The second meeting of the European Regional Process for the fifth World Water Forum (ERP) will take place on **8 and 9 July in Zaragoza, Spain**. This meeting is co-organized by the European Water Partnership, the University of Castilla-La Mancha and the Expo Zaragoza Water Tribune and is part of the Parallel Events of the Water Tribune. The programme of this meeting is now available (see attachment) and we would like to invite you to register by sending in the attached registration form.

The goal of the meeting is to discuss the overall Regional process and the progress within the eight themes of the ERP as well as to identify the next steps that have to be taken to prepare the European input into the World Water Forum. Furthermore, taking place in Zaragoza, it will focus on receiving the Southern European input in the European Regional Process.

Programme and objectives

To achieve a fruitful discussion, the programme of the meeting has been divided into a plenary session and workshops on the themes that are most relevant for Southern Europe: "Water Scarcity and Droughts", "River Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation", "Future of Water in Europe" and "Sanitation". The themes on which no workshops will be organised will be addressed in the plenary session.

The **plenary session** will address developments within the organisation of the World Water Forum and explain the work done so far in the European Regional Process. It will discuss the European Regional Session, the Regional Document as well as any other activities we could undertake. Furthermore it will identify missing issues which should be addressed, specifically from a Southern perspective.

The **workshops** will focus in more detail on the themes of the European Regional Process. The objective is to discuss the work that has already been executed, identify next steps to be taken as well as identify which sessions to focus on in Istanbul. The workshops will again aim specifically to incorporate the Southern European input.

The workshop on Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation will be organised by INBO on the afternoon of the 8th of July. Please register separately for this workshop at: <http://www.inbo-news.org/friobang.htm>.





Hotelrooms



Because of the logistical difficulties of finding hotelrooms in Zaragoza we have reserved a limited number of hotelrooms for reasonable prices in advance for the 8th and 9th of July. The options we can offer are *****hotel at 180 Euros per room or student residences at 86-120 Euros per room (all with private bath). These high-standard residences are all double rooms, with prices for double occupancy the same as for single. Please indicate on the registrationform whether you would like us to book you a room.



I hope I will be able to welcome you in Zaragoza. For more information on the European Regional Process, please visit www.ewp.eu/erp09. For more information on the World Water Forum you can visit www.worldwaterforum5.org.

In case you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 0032 735 0681 or by email at h.riedstra@ewp.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Draft programme

